

What is claimed is:

Claims

- 5 1. A method comprising the steps of:

sending, to a called party at a first location, a call from a calling party having a second location;

- 10 providing at least one of the first location to the calling party and the second location to the called party.



2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the called party with at least two options for granularity of the location.

5 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the location is displayed using non-geodetic nomenclature.

10 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of processing the location to automatically provide information based on the location to the called party.

15 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the information based on the location is at least one of a map illustrating the location and directions from the location to the called party.

20 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of at least one of the called party and the calling party querying for a location of the other party.

25 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending a party's location information only when the party has given permission.

30 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of, when the calling party has at least one of restricted location information and failed to permit sending location, inhibiting sending of location information to the called party.

35 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the called party with at least two options for formatting display of the location.

10. A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising computer readable program code that performs the steps of claim 1.



12. The method of claim 11, wherein the at least two location display options provide at least two options for granularity of the location.

5 13. The method of claim 11, wherein the location information is displayed using common nomenclature.

10 14. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of processing the location information to automatically provide information based on the location information to the called party.

15 15. A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising computer readable program code that performs the steps of claim 11.

20 16. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of at least one of the called party and the calling party querying for a location of the other party.

25 17. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of sending a party's location information only when the party has given permission.

30 18. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of, when the calling party has at least one of restricted location information and failed to permit sending location, inhibiting sending of location information to the called party.

35 19. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of providing the called party with at least two options for formatting display of the location information.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least two options for formatting include at least two of text, building map, street map, and city map.